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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Fumiyasu HIRAI et al.

Serial Number: 09/773,598

Group Art Unit: 1646

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Examiner: ANDRES, JANET L.

For: **METHOD FOR REMOVING THE TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- β BY ADSORPTION (As Amended)**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 20, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

A petition for a one-month extension of the response period and the requisite fee therefor are submitted concurrently herewith.